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Dermal Cells

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Dermal fibroblasts

- responsible for formation of collagen, elastin and ground substance
- spindle-shaped
 - When inactive - long, slender, nucleus fills cells
- develop from tissue mesenchyme

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Dermal macrophages

- amoeboid cells
- remove foreign bodies
- ubiquitous
- develop from blood monocytes
- detoxify ingested toxic material
- wound healing, infection, tissue resorption, recycling

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Dermal mast cells

- associated with blood vessels and hair follicles
- numbers increase in itching
 - produce histamines
 - cytoplasm filled with large granules that are released when stimulated
- participate in lipid metabolism and regulation
- participate in initial immune response

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Dermal merkel cells

- associated with nerve endings
- mechanoreceptor function
- contain neuropeptides
- present in epidermis, hair and whiskers

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Dermal melanocytes

- present in hair, epidermis, dermis
- secretory cells
- produce melanosomes
 - melanin-containing cytoplasmic particles
 - transferred to keratinocytes
- **Brown- black pigmentation**

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Dermal lymphocytes

- involved in cell mediated immune response
- T- lymphocytes

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